



GOD'S LOVE

“BE YE THANKFUL”

Mrs. E. R. Connelly

We American folk stop today
To offer praise to God;
Thanking Him in our own way
For shady lanes and goldenrod;
Thankful for hopes of peace again,
To build and till the sod;
To feast and laugh with friends so dear
'Neath shady lanes and goldenrod;
To rear our children without fear,
In schools and house of God;
Where Mother Nature seems so near
Down shady lanes and goldenrod.
We pray, O Lord, that those in power,
Like us, may fear their God;
That we may feel no tyrant's power—
Keep shady lanes and goldenrod.

THE GROUND OF

“Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift,”

2 Cor. 9:15.

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NOTICES

The Church of God at North Rome, Ga., raised \$100.50 for aged ministers' fund November 12, 1944.—C. E. McAbee, pastor.

Any Church of God members in the vicinity of Buffalo, N. Y., who would like to attend church, may get in touch with Rev. C. F. Thomas, 150 Ontario St., Buffalo, or come to the Church of God located on the corner of West Ferry and Plymouth Streets, Buffalo.—C. F. Thomas, 150 Ontario St., Buffalo 7, N. Y.

I am now in the evangelistic work and will receive calls if anyone wants me. The Lord has especially helped me in getting the churches ready for revivals. This is the work I would like to do.—S. W. Latimer, 2401 Montgomery Ave., Cleveland, Tenn., phone 601-W.

Change of Address

James O. Campbell—Old: Marietta, S. C. New: 224 Hammett St., Greenville, S. C.

Wonderful Y. P. E.

CLYDE, N. C.—The Church of God Y. P. E. at Clyde, N. C., on Sunday night, October 15, gave a play. At the end of the play I gave an altar call and twenty-five came to the altar. There were sixteen saved, several sanctified, and two filled with the Holy Ghost. We thank God for our young people in Clyde. We have a wonderful band of young people, also a good leader, Sister Inez Long.—Pastor, Kirby J. Hensley.

Notice of Appointment

J. A. Muncy has been duly appointed General Orphanage Superintendent. Brother Muncy attended the Berea Teachers' College, Berea, Kentucky, and in his early life was a schoolteacher. In 1918 he received the Holy Ghost and has been a minister in the Church of God since that date. His experience teaching school, rearing a large family of his own and wide pastoral work qualifies him for his new position.

JOHN C. JERNIGAN,
General Overseer.

H. Ottis Hewett, Publishing House Employee, Killed in Action Sept. 8

Henry Ottis Hewett, aged twenty-seven years, son of Rev. and Mrs. Austin Hewett, of Canton, N. C., was killed in action Sept. 8 over France. He was a gunner on a Flying Fortress, which crashed in mid-air with one of our own planes.

He was married to Elva Bell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bell. There were two beautiful children born to this union, Brenda Louise, four years, and Lloyd Lee, nine months.

Brother Hewett was a member of the Church of God at North Cleveland, Tennessee, where he was active in church work. He had also attended Bible Training School and at times had written in interest of the Y.P.E. and the Lighted Pathway. He was employed at the Church of God Publishing House as music typesetter and pressman for most of five years, and was a splendid employee. His father-in-law, Mr. Lee Bell, is foreman of the pressroom at the Publishing House.

Brother Ottis entered the Service in November, 1943. Several months later he came home on furlough to see his new-born son for the first time. Before returning to camp he was in charge of a prayer meeting here in Cleveland for the boys in Service, held at the home of Brother and Sister Otis L. McCoy, and he told how the Lord had blessed him while he was in camp. With tears streaming down his face, he said to



those who were at the meeting that if he should never see them again here he wanted to meet them all in heaven.

Brother Hewett's last letters written home were dated September 4, 1944, one of them being to Rev. James L. Slay, his pastor, the day before he was reported missing in action, and in his letter he stated all was well with him, both physically and spiritually.

Our loss is keenly felt by the management and employees here at the Publishing House, and we extend our sympathy to his bereaved loved ones.

THE CHURCH OF GOD ON THE AIR

ALABAMA

Brookwood, over station WSGN, Birmingham, 6:30 a. m. and Sunday, 9:30 a. m.

Tuscaloosa, Ala., over station WSGN, Birmingham, each week day at 6:30 a. m., each Sunday at 9:30 a. m.

Sherman Street Church of God, Decatur, each Sunday morning 9:30-10:00 CWT. O. B. Myrick, pastor.

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Thomas, pastor.

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THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

The General Overseer Speaks

JOHN C. JERNIGAN

THE DEVIL'S SOUL MARKET

When you trade with Satan you always think you are getting a bargain, but when you invoice your goods are worthless.

"Ye have sold yourselves for naught," Isa. 52:3.

A human soul is the most valued thing of God's creation. When Christ undertook to value it, He placed the valuation above the whole world, saying if a man should gain the whole world and lose his own soul, what would it profit him?

In the garden of Eden the devil opened up a soul-buying market and bought the first soul for nothing, and he has continued to buy men's souls for naught, as stated in the text. The devil's business of buying souls has grown to be the biggest business of all the world, and from its beginning he has never closed his doors or been affected by a business slump or depression. He never wants for a customer; men are always found ready to consider his propositions.

He offers the Christian what appears to be very attractive prices and deceives many of them into selling out to him. He knows every crook and trick in this business. He has succeeded in buying out kings, prophets, and preachers, and went far enough to bid on the soul of Jesus Christ. When Christ was hungry from long days of fasting, the devil offered Him bread. He knew the weak point and struck with the most powerful weapon he had. Failing to buy the Lord with bread, he tried the next weapon. Knowing that Christ came into the world seeking a kingdom, the devil took Him up into a high mountain and offered him all the kingdoms of the world and their glories.

Before Adam and Eve went on the slave market they had everything they needed—a beautiful home in the midst of the garden of Eden, plenty to eat, and clothes that would never fade as long as they were untouched by sin. Their most valued treasure was their peace and fellowship with God.

The devil did not come to them in the form of a roaring lion, but rather in the form of the most subtle beast of the field. His words were pleasant and powerful. He offered knowledge and guaranteed life. His lies were half truth, and he made his promises seem so sure.

The woman was the first to accept the enemy's proposition, but in that she was no more to blame than Adam. They both were free moral agents to make choice and decisions in life for themselves. They both listened to his cunning words and attractive offers, sold out and lost. They lost their home, were driven from the garden. They lost their clothing, which must have been a suit of glory, and they were found naked. They lost their job of dressing and keeping the beautiful garden, and went out in sorrow to earn their living by the sweat of the face, cultivating a cursed earth.

If you want a picture of someone who has been trading with Satan, look at Adam, naked and without God, laboring and wiping the sweat from his face as he fights the thorns and thistles that he might earn bread. The poor backslidden man, one time with all that heart might wish for, but now a slave to Satan, and damned in sin, and the truth of the text proved that they received nothing and lost everything.

When God sent Saul, king of Israel, to destroy all the Amalekites, both man and beast, the devil came down to place a bid for the soul of King Saul. As usual, he bought the king with property that did not belong to him. The devil suggested to Saul that he keep Agag, the king of the Amalekites, alive and not destroy him. Then he showed him the fine, fat flocks and herds, and the folly of destroying them. God had said destroy every man and beast, but we can imagine how the devil showed him the great waste of slaughtering all those fine, fat oxen and sheep, suggesting that even God delights Himself in the sacrifices and offerings of the best of oxen and sheep, and why not take the best and worship God? You can see here the

enemy's method of attacking God's people. He does not care how much you worship God, as long as you will obey him.

Now let us consider what King Saul lost in this deal with Satan. He, like others who have been caught in the snare, was promised attractive prices and received nothing. All those bleating sheep and lowing oxen never went into King Saul's pens. Not only did he fail to receive, but lost what he already had. Samuel, his friend and spiritual adviser, turned against him. The king stood forsaken by both man and God, and the devil who bought him out was not his friend but led him into a death trap. The last picture we have of the king, he is defeated in battle and dying a suicide at the point of his own sword. Such is often the fate of those who trade with Satan.

Now let us consider Ananias and his wife who traded with Satan. They were among the disciples who sold their possessions and laid the money down at the feet of the apostles to be distributed among the poor. The Bible is silent on the amount they received for the possession, but when they got the money in their own hands the devil took advantage and succeeded in buying them out with their own. The devil told Ananias that a part of the money would do just as well. That is what he tells a lot of people about their tithes. A tithe is a ten per cent, but the devil would tell you that half that amount is enough. Ten per cent is too much to put into the treasury of the Lord. And by this argument he has bought out many church members. While the people were bringing in their offerings, Ananias, who had contracted with Satan, walked up and laid down a part of the price of that which he had promised God. The penalty for his sin was immediate death and hell to follow. He, therefore, fell at the apostles' feet and died. After a while Sapphira, his wife, not knowing her husband's fate, came in also and laid down a part of the price, and she likewise fell dead at the feet of the apostles and went out into etern-

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RELIGION AND THE WORLD

By the Editor

Decrease in Juvenile Delinquency

William H. Ramey, chairman of the Board of Safety of Indianapolis, reported that juvenile delinquency had been reduced at least 50 per cent in that city due to extensive efforts. A great accomplishment indeed!

Probably Too Religious

Dr. Homer P. Rainey, former president of the University of Texas, was recently dismissed from office because he refused "to stop making so many speeches, . . . before religious organizations."

Philippine Missions

Seven of the major church groups of the American churches have a total of 350,000 members, with adherents numbering near one million in the Philippines. There are also about 2,000,000 independent Protestants reported as belonging to the Independent Church of the Philippines.

The Background

The editor of the *Christian Herald*, writing under the caption of "Communist," stated that, "The only authoritative government in Poland is Lublin's National Committee of Liberation—which is overwhelmingly Communist. The Marshall of the Yugoslav army is Communist. Communists hold important posts in governments of France, Italy, Rumania, and Greece. They are struggling to take over such posts in Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, and Finland."

Patience

"Tribulation worketh patience," Rom. 5:3. Patience will always be lacking in the life of the child of God who has not undergone the process of refinement through "tribulation" and sufferings with Christ. It is possible to "glory in tribulation also"; not, however, unless we have learned through meekness "that all things work together for good to them that love God." In either case we are to note the word "work" since it is the dominating factor. God is ever working in the life of His children, to bless and refine them for the perfection of sainthood.

Church Attendance

According to RNS, Women's Home Companion poll shows that 50 per cent of women have not changed concerning church attendance: 27 per cent say they go oftener than before the war, while 23 per cent say they go less often. Young women show that 37 per cent of those under twenty-five attend oftener. Fifty per cent say they attend church regularly, 44 per cent occasionally, and 6 per cent never attend.

Sowing and Reaping

From the ruins of Aachen, Germany, Oct. 29, and from the ruins of the only synagogue, came the first Jewish religious service from German-conquered soil. Aachen was said to be the oldest Jewish settlement on the European continent. Here some of the Jews driven from Germany by threats of death and torture, joined in worship, as I also heard myself by radio; only to testify to Hitler and the world that "whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap."

Science

Science of the various fields, and kinds is whatever classified knowledge there is available relative to any particular element. Science is not a heterogeneous jumble. It is knowledge. The science of our religion lies in whatever definite experiences we have had in or with God, as based upon His revealed Word. When an individual knows that he or she has been genuinely converted, they are in possession of the scientific fact of religion by faith in Christ. The reason the worldly wise do not know this particular science is because they do not apply the rule of faith in their study of religion; they shut the door of knowledge by refusing to believe the gospel, which is the classified facts of religion.

God's Witnesses

Statistics show that after war crime and infidelity increase. This is due to the spirit of evil and revenge being enthroned in men during a time of hate and bloodshed. Let this be true, however, God will also have His wit-

nesses who, because of the hardships of war, have had occasion to call upon God in time of need to find Him a present help. These men, like Eddie Rickenbacker and Bartek, who envisioned God for twenty-one days on a raft out on the face of the ocean, and with them hundreds of others who have been helped and kept by God during danger and times of trouble, will return to witness for God, and some to champion the cause of Christ as regularly-pledged servants for His sake.

Thanksgiving

For the past few years Thanksgiving Day was changed by Presidential proclamation, which was not satisfactory to the various states. It has been rather hard to know which day to keep; whether that decreed by the President, which is one week earlier than formerly observed, or to keep the day as ordered by governors of some states. If, however, these days as decreed by presidents and governors are found to be too uncertain as to which is to be, or which should be kept, that decreed by the President or the governor of state, let it be remembered that thanksgiving was part of religious devotion long before presidents or governors had anything to do with its observance as a holiday; therefore, let us keep one or the other; or better still, both days; only let not the passing of the day so ordered be the end of our thanksgiving unto God. It is written "in all things give thanks" and again "giving thanks always." Eph. 5:20.

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Thanksgiving for Soul Benefits

J. A. CROSS

Psalms 103:2, "*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.*"

On that memorable day, November 26, in the year of 1621, when Governor Bradford gathered with the band of settlers and Indian Braves, to indulge in a time of prayer, praise, preaching, and thanksgiving, their minds were turned in retrospect to the past months. It had not all been times of plenty, for there were days of scarcity of food and clothing. Their days were not always happy, for death visited them often, and forty of the original colony were now lying beneath the sod. It was true that their lot was somewhat bitter, but now the outlook is brighter, and lest they think overmuch of the past hardships, the governor had set aside this day to give thanks to a generous Creator for the blessings of life. This day was a day to rejoice in the good, not to grumble about the bad. This was a day to rejoice and recount the rendered benefits, and to praise God from whom all blessings flow.

This psalm from which the text is taken resounds with blessings and thanksgivings to a gracious God who has rendered much to man. David proclaims that we should not forget His benefits, and even in the stress of war, the grief over the loss of loved ones dear to our hearts, there is yet that principle within us that rings out to God, from deep within, the praises and thanks for His mighty goodness to the children of men.

Notice the giver of thanks, "My soul," the immortal person who tabernacles within this body of clay. All of the faculties, all of the powers within me are called upon to magnify God for His benefits. For of such magnitude and such exceeding glory are they that the lips fail to form; the vocabulary is inadequate to express proper gratitude; for the heart, the soul, all the powers within, are called upon to render unto God the thanks due Him. When David recounted the past benefits of God, in number, in quality, and variety, his lips failed to form the words that he felt were necessary to praise our Creator. When he began to summon the poetic power, for which he is famous, to express this thanksgiving, he found that he was at a loss to put into expression that

which he felt would correctly praise God; so in his helplessness he threw up his arms toward heaven, opened his mouth, and cried out from deep within—SOUL! Bless the Lord! SOUL—"forget not all his benefits. All that is within me, bless his holy name."

NOTICE THE CAUTION: "FORGET NOT ALL HIS BENEFITS."

There is, in this day of hurry, rush, and unrest, a possibility of forgetting all the benefits of God. I fear that sometimes the commercial angle of things are so promoted by advertisers that the real reason for thanksgiving is largely lost. There is a quotation that I wish to call to your attention: "Thanksgiving Day, I fear, if one the solemn truth must touch, is celebrated not so much to thank the Lord for blessings o'er, as for the sake of getting more."—Will Carleton.

The possibility of forgetting the benefits of God is very likely in selfishness. We become selfish in our possessions, and only share them for the sake of obtaining more. We become engrossed in our own interests; we pray for ourselves more than for the sake of others; our welfare is considered before the needs of others are impressed upon our consciousness; we become interested in the receiving end of the line, forgetting that the Bible tells us that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

We forget the benefits of God by leaving God out of things. The rich fool of whom Christ tells us forgot the benefits of God because he left God out of his reasonings. He reasons thus: "My crops, my goods, my fruits, my barns," and, "I have plenty." In all these blessings he forgot that God was the Giver of all good gifts, and became unthankful, unholy, and died without God. May we ever recognize God in all that we do and forget not His benefits.

We may forget the benefits of God by failing to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. This we are admonished to do and all these things will be added to us. For in seeking our own we lose sight of eternal things. We see only what WE do, what WE have, our aims, earthly things. Our eyes become so accustomed to looking to the earth that they cannot be cast heavenward. We lose sight

of God, of heaven, of the heavenlies, from whence come all the blessings of God, and forget to thank our God who sends rain on the just and on the unjust, who causes the plants to grow, who gives physical strength for labor, gives the breath of life we breathe. No wonder David said, "Forget not all his benefits."

THE BENEFITS OF THE SOUL FOR WHICH THANKSGIVING IS OFFERED

When the Psalmist said, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits," it is reasonable to suppose that the benefits to be remembered are 'soul benefits,' since it is the soul that is rendering the thanks. In fact, the next few verses of the psalm bear out this thought.

The benefits for which thanksgiving is offered first of all is: The forgiveness of iniquities. Verse 3. What glorious praises fill our soul when we think of the cleansing power of the blood that washed us. The crimes of a past life are not chargeable to us any more, for His blood has made the record clear. The nefarious breaches of His divine commandments which we so lightly regarded as of no consequence, these overwhelmed us with the magnitude of the sentence of the law when we faced God, yet the Lamb of God bore in His body the consequence of the broken law that we might be FREE. My soul cries out its voluntary thanksgiving for these benefits—the forgiveness of iniquity.

THE REDEMPTION OF LIFE FROM DESTRUCTION is another of these benefits that is included in thanksgiving. We had sold our lives for destruction. In carelessness they had been wasted. We had gone astray from God and was lost in the cold mountain of sin and ungodliness. We had wandered into paths of danger. The pitfalls of sin were surrounding us, and beneath us was the sinking sands of sin and despair. David said, "But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped." Almost in despair were we lost, not only now but eternally, but for the hand of God who reached down to us and brought us out of the sinking sand, out of the pits of hell. "He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay . . ." He picked us up out of destruction and placed within our souls the pure breath of heaven, let flow into us the life from above, and redeemed us. Bless the Lord, O

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Eternal Security Without Obedience Scripturally Refuted

J. G. HALL

Let us consider the principal passages of Scripture used to support the above theory. In St. John 10:28 we read, concerning CHRIST'S SHEEP, "And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." In verse 27, He says, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." So, CHRIST'S SHEEP are those who hear His voice and follow Him, not otherwise. Then St. John 10:28, means, "Those who hear my voice and follow me shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." Therefore, as long as we hear His voice and follow Him, we are safe and secure. There is no promise here for those who cease to hear and follow.

The entire 10th chapter of St. John is designed to teach that we are safe and secure only as we stay in Christ's fold, under His protecting care. The 10th chapter teaches just the opposite to what is inferred by those who teach **ONCE IN GRACE, ALWAYS IN GRACE.**

Another point they use is, **A SHEEP IS ALWAYS A SHEEP AND CANNOT BE ANYTHING ELSE.** It is impossible to change a sheep into a goat. If we are once God's sheep, we are always His sheep. The Bible teaches, however, that if we stray away from God's fold we are **LOST SHEEP.** Luke 15:6. It is carrying the figure of speech too far to say that a sheep cannot be changed into a goat. It is just as true that a goat cannot be changed into a sheep. It is just as easy for a sheep to be changed into a goat, as it is for a goat to be changed into a sheep. If the devil's goats can become God's sheep, it is possible for God's sheep to become the devil's goats.

Another theory (not scripture) used is that no matter how bad a child may become, it is always a child of its father, and those who are once children of God must remain His children no matter how great **SINNERS THEY MAY BECOME.** We ought to thank God that this reasoning is false, because if it were true we would all be the children of the devil yet, for by nature we were the children of wrath, Eph. 2:3. David said, Psalms 51:5, "Behold I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me." Also Job 14:4.

No person becomes a son of God in the same sense that Jesus did. Jesus is the only begotten **SON OF GOD.** We are merely adopted sons (Rom. 8:15; 9:4; Gal. 4:5; Eph. 1:5). We are reckoned as born sons in a limited sense. We may commit sin, be cut off from God, and lose our sonship, just as Adam lost his relationship with God. Isa. 59:2; Eph 2:1-9, 1 John 3:8. Therefore, if sin does not separate a child of God from God, then it does not separate a sinner from God.

We are the branch and have life only as we abide in the Vine. "This is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son hath not life." See 1 John 5:11-13, 20. This eternal life is in God's Son, and we only have life as we abide in Him.

They further say, "Those who are born of God cannot be unborn." This is based on a misunderstanding of what the new birth (or regeneration) really is.

They fail to realize that this is a spiritual work. In John 3:5 Jesus said, "Except a man be born of water (word, Eph. 5:26) and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." It is just as easy to become unborn as it is to become born. In 1 John 1:7 we read, "If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." When you cease **WALKING**, the blood ceases to **CLEANSE.**

Another argument used to prove that the person once saved can never be lost, is the fact that the Scripture teaches that the believer has **ETERNAL LIFE (OR EVERLASTING LIFE).** Some will say, "If he has everlasting life now, how can he be lost?" The simple reply is, "By losing the eternal life he has." Adam and Eve had eternal life before the fall, and lost it. Gen. 2:17. For instance, it is claimed that matter is indestructible and must exist in some form or other. If this is true, and I have in my hand a diamond, then the matter in the diamond is indestructible, and I hold in my hand some eternal matter. If I throw the diamond away, I no longer have the eternal matter in my hand; if I pick up the diamond again, I again have the eternal matter in my hand.

So a person may have eternal life and through sin lose it.

The Bible records many examples of people who once had an experience with God and lost it; who were once in grace and died without mercy. Millions of fallen creatures have never regained a standing in grace, not only human beings, but Lucifer and many other pure and trusted angels of God who are specifically called **SONS OF GOD.** Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7. These fell from original **SINLESSNESS** and from the favor of God and will be damned forever, Isa. 14:12-14; Ezek. 28:11-17; Matt. 25:41-46; 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6, 7; Rev. 20:10. These certainly had God's favor at one time (or once in grace), and lost it. The Bible reveals from the beginning to the end examples of people who were once in grace and lost it. We shall briefly mention a few.

Adam and Eve were in God's favor, spiritually, at one time, and had eternal life, and lost it through sin. Gen. 2:17; Romans 5:12.

Aaron, the great high priest of Israel, certainly was in God's favor but lost that favor through sin. He and all Israel would have been cut off in their sin had not Moses interceded for them. Exod. 32; Deut. 9:20.

Nadab and Abihu were priests of God and were destroyed by offering strange fire on the altar. Lev. 10:1-4; Numbers 3:4.

Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, God's priests, as well as two hundred and fifty of their chief princes in Israel, were destroyed in their sin after being in God's favor (or grace). Num. 16.

The ten spies and Baalim were cursed and perished, who were once in God's favor. Numbers 14:37; Joshua 7; 1 Cor. 10:1-15; Heb. 2:2; 2 Peter 2:15, 16.

All the old generation of Israel lost God's favor and perished in the wilderness. Numbers 14:30-35; Heb. 2:2; 3:7-19; 4:1-13; Jude 5.

Now for a few New Testament examples.

Judas, Ananias, Sapphira, Demas, Hymenaeus, Alexander, Acts 1:21; 5:1-11; 1 Tim. 1:20; 2 Tim. 4:10. Judas is an outstanding example of a fall from grace. In Psalms 41:9 he is recorded as a familiar friend of Christ, in whom Christ trusted; a chosen disciple and sent forth to preach, heal, cast out devils; a genuine Christian

disciple and empowered for service. Matt. 10:1-21; Mark 6:7-13. Some say he was always a devil. To say that you would have to say that Christ chose a devil and ordained and gave him power. Christ never chooses devils or unregenerated men to do His work. Judas became a devil (or adversary). John 6:70. We read that after the sop Satan entered into him, John 13:27. In Acts 1:25, he by transgression fell and was sorry afterwards; Matt. 27:3-5, he died and went to hell. We see that he fell from grace, so therefore it is possible for others to fall. Christ acknowledged that he had lost Judas, John 17:12. He could not have lost him if He had not previously had him. We shall not take the space for many other examples, but will give the following passages of scripture, which is abundant proof that a person may receive God's blessings through grace and later be cut off without remedy because of sin.

"For if AFTER they have ESCAPED the pollutions of the world THROUGH THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning, for it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them," 2 Peter 2:20, 21.

"He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: OF HOW MUCH SORER PUNISHMENT, suppose ye, shall he be thought WORTHY, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he WAS SANCTIFIED, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?" Heb. 10:28, 29.

"He that endureth TO THE END shall be saved," Matt. 10:22. These are words of Christ Himself. See 1 Sam. 15:11-26; 1 Kings 11:1-13; Ezek. 3:17-21; 33:7-16; Jer. 3:6-22; Hos. 4:16; 11:7; Matt. 7:21-27; 10:22; Heb. 3:6-14; Gal. 5:4; Heb. 4:11; 5:9; 6:4-6; Rev. 2:5; 3:2, 5; 22:19.

It can easily be seen from the above scriptures that a person can fall from grace and be lost. No wonder there is such looseness among God's people today, when churches are more pestered than pastored, where there is more fleecing than feeding, by perverted and powerless preachers who

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CHURCH OF GOD ON THE AIR

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TENNESSEE

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TEXAS

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The South Central States

By A. V. BEAUBE, Assistant General Overseer

The close of this past Assembly year finished four very pleasant and possibly the most successful years of my ministry as overseer of the Church of God in Georgia. This work ended with great fellowship and unity with the ministers and churches in that state. I felt throughout the year that this would be the year when a change of the state overseer of Georgia would be made. I expressed my feelings many times to the brethren, asking them to consider some one else as overseer of their state, which has more churches, ministers, and members than any other state. I appreciated the nice vote given me by the ministers of the State, though I asked the Appointing Board, if they were planning to use me as an overseer, to give me a C or B state. This I understand they agreed to do. The change came and I was appointed to work with the people in the South Central States.

My experience has been that when the Church places me in a new position, the Spirit and the anointing for the work comes upon me; therefore, I am never afraid of any task placed before me in God's work. I have practiced, during all of my ministry with the Church, to pray and trust God concerning my appointments, and when the change comes I always turn the work over willingly to my successor and get out of the way.

On Thursday evening, September 7, some of the ministers and the good people in Atlanta planned a nice dinner in reception for their new overseer, Rev. L. W. McIntyre. We enjoyed a good evening with all of them and were soon on our way to the new field of labor for the Lord. Monday morning, September 11, the family and I awoke in our new territory with a "Go ye" in our souls. After staying about two weeks in the home of Rev. J. C. Thompson, Sunday School department, and tourist camps, we got set up for housekeeping near the church in Dallas, Texas (614 W. Page Avenue). Brother Thompson has a fine church here and the family enjoys worshipping with them.

TEXAS MINISTERS' MEETING

While Sister Beaubé was moving, I was in the ministers' meeting with

Rev. V. B. Rains, state overseer. The ministers of the State gathered early, and at 2 p.m. we were beginning the service. All were conscious of the fact that the Holy Ghost was in our midst to direct, therefore the brethren proceeded boldly with their plan to outline their work for the year. The state overseer impressed me as being a capable, business-like, enthusiastic man. At the evening service he delivered a masterful sermon which was greatly enjoyed by the audience. The next day the business session was concluded and the ministers with their co-workers were on their way toward what we hope will be a great year for the harvest of souls in the Lone Star State.

ARKANSAS MINISTERS' MEETING

October 2, about 8 p.m., Rev. M. B. Norris, the new state overseer, ministers, and laity met with the church in Forrest City to map the strategy of a militant group of brave warriors against the enemy of all righteousness. They plan to wrestle not against flesh and blood; therefore, in this state they are determined to give the devil a black eye on every battlefield. If being a good district overseer means anything to a man entering his first year as state overseer, Brother Norris is certain to lead them to great victories and wrest from the clutches of Satan many precious souls. Listen for reports of their victories.

LOUISIANA'S MINISTERS' MEETING

From Arkansas, I went south to the state where twenty-three years ago the writer knelt by a rough altar rail and found Jesus while pouring out his heart in repentant prayer. It brought a jubilant thought to my mind to know that I would have the privilege to work with the people who had meant so much to me in my early ministry.

When I arrived in Baton Rouge I found Brother Jenkerson, state overseer, going ahead with the work, as I was late. An individual did not have to stay in this interesting meeting very long to be convinced that the ministers of the great State of Louisiana were deeply interested in the

progress of their work. Their state overseer had visited every section of the State, and was planning for a great evangelistic campaign in new fields through the State. May God add His many blessings.

NEW MEXICO

I was present October 10 for the meeting in New Mexico, after riding about twenty-six hours on the train. Rev. L. H. Aultman, former pastor of Alabama City church, had his plans for the meeting all ready. The overseer is new in this special work but one could readily see that he is not a novice by the way he is taking care of the work. There are but a few Church of God preachers in this state, but as they went forward with their discussion one got the impression that they knew their business.

If our people in the larger states could hear these good ministers talk and agree to raise money to send evangelists to new fields, and support them while they are getting the Church of God established in other towns in their state, I am sure they would be happy to know that they are helping to support such God-fearing, honest-hearted, self-sacrificing, enthusiastic workers. May the great God so richly bless them that their souls will be ablaze with the Pentecostal fire, and the whole State will hear from them.

KANSAS

After about twenty hours of sitting and standing in a crowded train, I came to Independence, Kansas, where I met Dr. A. R. Pedigo and the ministers of his state. A meeting of the overseer and district pastors had resulted in a nice draft of recommendations to be considered. This preliminary work saved much time in the meeting, therefore within four or five hours the ministers had agreed on the program for the year. To observe the state overseer as he managed the convention, one would think that he had years of experience in the work by the way the plans were presented to the brethren for their approval.

A program to evangelize as much as possible of the vast territories lying before us was outlined. Plans to put a full-time evangelist in new fields, or-

ganize a church on each district, revivals to be conducted in all the churches, get a number of subscriptions to the Evangel equal to the number of members in the State, and to help care for the mission and orphanage work, were discussed, agreed upon, and passed.

Judging from the unity and willingness of the overseer and preachers, one can but bespeak a successful year for them. Truly the "harvest is white and the laborers are few" in Kansas, as in many of the Western states. Please join us in prayer, that they may have the favor of the Great Missionary who left all and came to "seek and save that which was lost," as they work their plans. Their state motto is, by the help of the Lord, "WE WILL PLAN OUR WORK AND WORK OUR PLANS."

COLORADO

Tucked away at the foot of the great Rocky Mountains is the beautiful little City of Colorado Springs. From the state overseer's front door one can see "Pike's Peak." Many people go to this city from different parts of the nation each year to sightsee and to find a haven of rest from the warm sun. The Garden of the Gods, different scenic spots, including the Royal Gorge, and the highest bridge in the world, are some of the great sights to be seen. The sweetest and most blessed thing observed by your humble servant was the splendid group of blood-washed saints of God led by Rev. D. A. Biggs, state overseer. This group is few in number, yet they feel that they are not the smallest people of the earth, for they are the children of the King and members of the great Church of God, which has so expanded its work in the last few years that the sun never sets on her. It was encouraging to see them plan for what they hope will be the greatest year of their work in this beautiful state.

OKLAHOMA

This is the state where the people take off their coats and go to work in the old-fashioned way. Rev. L. L. Hughes is the overseer. God blessed our souls until we cried, shouted, walked about the floor, and praised the Lord, while they sang and preached.

Their first recommendation for the business session was, "That each pastor conduct a meeting in a new field this year." This passed without discussion. Then came the suggestion for missions and it was quickly agreed



REV. BEAUBE

that they exceed that of last year. And so goes the work of these great mission fields for the Church of God.

MISSOURI

October 31-November 1 was the date set for the Missouri ministers' meeting. The state overseer met with the brethren the night before in a special prayer service. When we arrived we found a fine group of preachers all ready to go to work. Brother Watson is a very able man and his people love and respect him. He had already visited most all the churches in the State since the Assembly and several of the churches have already had good revivals.

Their plans included "a year-around state-wide revival"; evangelistic campaigns in a new field; every minister, worker, and layman a "soul-winner"; deeper consecration and a state program that will help every department of the Church to make good increases.

The meeting convened in the great City of St. Louis and was well attended. The good music and singing, the sweet presence of the Lord, and the fine fellowship made the services inspirational.

SUMMARY

We have eight states in this section and all of them except one are considered by Headquarters as "mission" states, but I want to say right here that they are as true and faithful as any people I have ever met. We are planning to go "into the next towns" with the Church of God. We are trusting the good Lord that we will be suc-

cessful in our efforts to establish her there.

I am perfectly happy in my work and take my appointment as a command from the Church to "Go preach." In the past we evangelized and sacrificed to live but now the Church is going to take care of us.

Please remember us in the South Central States as we work for God.

Jesus Has Made Me Whole

BOONEVILLE, Miss.—Today finds me saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. At the age of nine the Lord wonderfully filled me with the Holy Ghost, but I drifted back into sin. There was no peace or contentment in my life; really, life wasn't worth living. My Lord kept calling, pleading to be let in, and I'm so glad I didn't harden my heart and turn Him away, but threw open my heart's door and bade Him come in. Then and there He restored unto me the joy of salvation. He has given me the greatest determination I've ever had to go the last mile of the way, and it is those who endure to the end that shall be saved. In these troublesome days when there is so much sin on every hand, so many traps set by the devil to overcome the children of God, I've found in Him all I need.

I'm glad, too, of this good Church of God way. I am glad I was willing to walk in the light as He shined it on my pathway. The grand night in November three years ago, as I came forward for membership, three others came too, but today those three precious souls have fallen by the wayside. Please join me in prayer, that they will come back to the fold before it is too late. That same glorious night God wonderfully healed me of gallstones. I had suffered for six or eight years, but when I got willing to turn myself wholly over to God, fasted and prayed two days and nights, my Lord came to my rescue.

I'm so glad of a friend like Jesus. He sticketh closer than a brother. That same Jesus that healed the man at the gate Beautiful made me whole. Yes, by His stripes I was healed. Please pray that I'll always be a doer of His Word, and not a hearer only. I want to be among the number to say, "Lord, here am I, send me." But above all I want to be worthy of everything He entrusts me with. Northeast Mississippi is the most needy field I know. Pray that God will send workers.—Mrs. Sudie Lawrence, Rt. 4.



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M. P. CROSS, Executive Mission Secretary



AN EMERGENCY CALL!

Yes, we have an emergency call for help from India.

I wrote Brother Cook recently that we were hoping to have some missionaries ready to come to help him when war conditions would permit. In his answer he said, "We are glad to know that some are hoping to come out here to help in the work for we surely need reinforcements at once."

Brother and Sister Cook have been writing for sometime about the need of help with the work there. There are several thousand Christians and many scores of native workers to look after, besides the millions who do not know Christ and have not even heard His name in the southern part of India where our work is located. For all of this we have only Brother and Sister Cook, who are now growing older than they used to be, and their son, George, who has spent almost twenty years in India without a furlough. His health is now beginning to break under the terrible strain and the heat of that country.

Their daughter, Blossom, who used to be a great help to them, has married a British soldier and is located nearly 200 miles away from them now, but we are trusting that after the war Blossom and her husband will be giving their full time again to helping in the work there.

We show here a picture of the Piravon Church in North Travancore which was built by the Greenville Church of God, Greenville, South Carolina. Many other buildings are needed at this time but the greatest need is for helpers who are qualified to help look after the work and help direct the native workers.

I wonder if you, dear reader, have heard the call, "Come over into India and help us"? You have, of course, heard all of your life the stories of the hideous crimes, the gross ignorance and darkness, the terrible superstition with which these people are bound, or the pitiful plight of child widows and the sacrificing of children to appease the wrath of the devil, but the strongest plea that I know to

make is that Jesus, my Lord and Savior who came from His home in Glory and suffered and died on Calvary's hill to redeem a world that was lost in darkness, is depending on you and me to carry out His command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." There is only one thing that will break the bands of poverty, superstition, darkness, and sufferings of India, and that is to preach Christ to them.

WHO WILL GO?

"Dear Church of God Family:

"I am glad to send you a report of our visit to the Island of St. Kitts and tell you of the wonderful way in which the Lord helped us there.

"We arrived on October 7 and were received by Sisters West and Halstead, Brother Green, and the many dear ones who have been looking for our coming for weeks. We were able to begin work the next morning, Sunday, the 8th. In the Sunday night service we had the joy of seeing twenty-two seek the Savior. Our revival continued until we left on Wednesday, October 25, for Barbados.

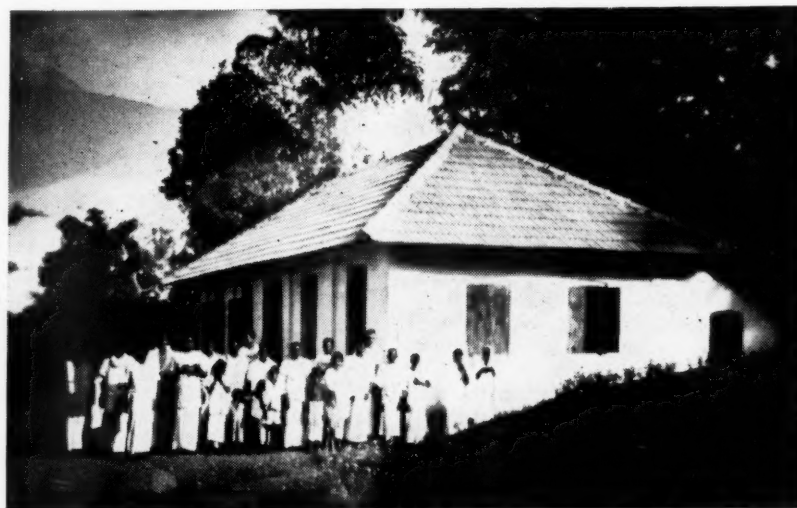
"During our stay in St. Kitts, we had the joy of seeing one hundred

thirty seek the Lord in our meetings. We were able to observe the Lord's Supper twice, and baptize fifteen in water. We also organized another church with sixteen new members, and arranged for the purchase of a church which we found was for sale the day we arrived and which will fill a great need for our work there and serve us as a central church for a good time to come.

"What an opportunity there is for our Church on the Island of St. Kitts! Join us in prayer that God will lay His hand on some young married couple to be sent to labor in this island of such great opportunities for the work of the Lord."—*Your missionary in the Caribbean, J. B. Winter.*

Missionary work was begun by Christ and must be perpetuated by the church if the church is to be sustained by divine power and is to have any traces of the miraculous in it.

Christ will not stay with the church of the homeland unless the church of the homeland will go with Him to the foreign field to carry the gospel to the heathen.



REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

The healing of my body, I am very nervous and in a run-down condition; the healing of my little boy of asthma.—Euline Lee, Rt. 2, Box 151, Decatur, Ala.

The Lord to heal me, I have something wrong with my stomach. It hurts me so badly at times. I am a young man twenty-five years old, have a family to work for and we are poor people. I have to work when I do not feel like working. Please pray for my healing and that my soul will be saved.—William S. Criter, Petersburg, W. Va.

My little boy to be healed of undulant fever.—Mrs. Thelma Thompson, Statesboro, Ga.

The healing of my wife who is badly afflicted.—R. F. Wilson, Box 1, Lawrenceville, Ga.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. G. C. Church, Brookwood, Ala.

God to undertake for my grandson and his wife.—His Grandma Fannin, Box 3, Naugatuck, W. Va.

God to undertake for my son-in-law and his home.—Mrs. E. D. Fox, 709 Gillispie St., Starkville, Miss.

My unsaved son in the Navy, he is so discouraged.—Mrs. Jack Jeter, Marianna, Fla.

My wife to be healed; the Lord to undertake and strengthen me; Daddy Gaines; some buddies of mine to be filled with the Holy Ghost and that we Christian boys may be overcomers amid many trials and temptations.—Cpl. Chas. H. Brodie.

The saving and healing of my dad, Allen Lane, Rt. 9, Evansville, Ind., he had a stroke two years ago and is not any better; my brother, who got hurt three years ago in a coal mine, he is in very bad health, William Robertson, Red Bank Rd., Howell, Ind.

God to heal and strengthen Mrs. Dewey Kitchen.—Rev. D. G. Kitchen, Camp Gordon, Ga.

God to heal my body; very urgent request. Encouragement appreciated.—Mrs. Alonzo Wright, 1306 Skip Ave., Pascagoula, Miss.

The healing of my baby boy, he has some kind of spells and can't talk or walk, he is almost eleven years old; the healing of my son, twenty-six years old, who cannot walk, he or the smaller boy haven't any use of them-

selves; me to be healed of a goitre; my two sons in Service, one in France, the other I do not know where he is. C. W. Rosier, Thicket, Tex.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Ruby Douglas, 506 E. Central Ave., Fitzgerald, Ga.

The Lord to heal my body, I had a stroke December 26, 1943, caused from high blood pressure, and it has left me paralyzed on the whole left side and I am helpless. Encouragement appreciated.—Mrs. Mary Wise, 26 Glynvilla, Brunswick, Ga.

The Lord to heal me of T. B.—Mrs. Athelene Lusher, Pinecrest Sanatorium, Beckley, W. Va.

My son in the Navy.—Mrs. W. D. L., Albemarle, N. C.

My family to be healed of an affliction.—A reader.

My body to be healed and that I will get closer to the Lord; my people.—Mrs. Chester Walker, Box 6, Immokalee, Fla.

The healing and strengthening of my body; my home.—Maggie Bailey, Rt. 3, Box 12, Double Springs, Ala.

The healing of my little five-year-

old boy, he had sleeping sickness which has left him paralyzed. I am trusting the Lord with his body. Encouragement appreciated.—Mrs. Effie Hyatt, Sylva, N. C.

Our pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Merle H. Greene, and Sister H. Williams, who were injured in a car accident.—Geo. Henderson, Box 224, Suisan, Calif.

God to completely heal my body; Sister Cox to be healed of cancer, if God doesn't undertake she will not be here long.—Mrs. Sara Shirey, Gen. Del., Laurens, S. C.

Me to be healed of an inward goitre, so that I will be able to preach again.—Effie Wills, 115 Jackson St., Bonne Terre, Mo.

Me to be healed of lung trouble.—Mrs. Wallace, Culberson, N. C.

Me to be healed of bad stomach trouble.—Mrs. C. O. Poff, Rt. 4, Box 391-A, Roanoke, Va.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. W. M. Wadsworth, Albany, Ga.

God to undertake for a very urgent request.—Lela Culpepper, 203 Cypress St., Arcadia, Fla.

The healing of Mrs. B. B. Hand; other requests.—Rev. J. B. Conner, Hazlehurst, Ga.

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No. 1500. We have about 1,500 boxes of beautiful Christmas cards with greetings, and envelopes to match, which we have been selling at \$1.00, but to balance up the stock we will offer this assortment for thirty days or as long as it lasts for 75c per box.

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A Soldier Reads His Bible

The Bible has been one of the great morale builders of the war. This observation is based on the personal testimony of fighting men and chaplains, received unsolicited by the American Bible Society which has distributed the Scriptures without charge to American service men in every war since the Mexican War of 1846-1848.

The water-soaked pocket Testament, from which Sergeant John F. Bartek read aloud daily to Captain Eddie Rickenbacker and the other survivors of a wrecked plane, while they were helplessly adrift in the Pacific for three terrible weeks, is now in the possession of the Freehold, New Jersey, Library. Today every life raft and lifeboat of the United States Navy and Merchant Marine carries a New Testament in a waterproof packet along with its life-saving equipment.

War correspondents reported that as our men moved across the Channel towards the French coast on D-Day, many a soldier read his pocket Bible and found courage in its pages.

Men's ingenuity has advised strange ways to bring the Word of God to those in combat areas. One soldier in a letter to the Chief of Chaplains wrote:

"We were under artillery fire and a church assembly was out of the question. But being quite a determined man, the Chaplain solved this by sending a message together with several Testaments to the various foxholes. The message requested us to read several verses in the Testament, then pass the note and the book on to the next foxhole. We didn't go to church;

the church that cold, windy Sunday came to us. In view of what lay in store for us the next week, I appreciate now those few verses from the Scriptures."

This year, United States Chaplains have asked the American Bible Society for 400,000 full Bibles. These are not given out indiscriminately. Every man who wants one must ask his Chaplain for it. Besides complete Bibles, 1,800,000 Testaments and 1,500,000 Scripture portions are the estimated needs for the armed forces for the year.

The Society doesn't quail at such an order. It's used to it. It now prints and distributes Bibles in nearly 200 languages and dialects for the people of more than 40 countries. Prisoners of war in Axis camps and our own are supplied with Bibles and Testaments in 40 languages. Since July 1, 1940, six million Bibles, Testaments and Gospels have been distributed to the armed forces.

Many a service man who never looked at a Bible in peace time now cherishes his pocket edition as a prize possession along with snapshots of his family and his girl. A marine, 4000 miles from home, wrote his mother about his feelings after he'd read the New Testament for the first time.

"A while ago — a chaplain, swell guy, just like one of us, gave me a New Testament . . . been reading the first book, Matthew, great stuff . . . Guess, if you come right down to brass tacks, this is what really matters in life; this is what we ought to be fighting for, this way of living."

Chaplain G. W. Friedrich of the Navy, stationed near the Arctic Circle, described how the men read their Testaments "at their bunks, aboard ship and on the train." A 19-year-old lad in the Canadian Air Force, shot down somewhere over Germany, and interned at Stalag IV, received a Bible from the Geneva offices of the American Bible Society, and became so interested that he started an informal Bible class.

Captain Charles R. Showalter, of Wabash, Indiana, is the pilot of a B-24 Liberator bomber in the South Pacific. While home on furlough, Captain Showalter told a local reporter, "I never went on a mission out there (he went on 51) without my pocket Bible. I've read it eight times, I guess. As a matter of fact, religion takes on more meaning for all the men who are in combat."

A naval officer who took part in the battle of Kula Bay, describing his experiences, said: "I went to my room and hit the sack for three hours, and read my Bible. I read the 23rd and the 91st Psalms over and over . . . 'Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand, but it shall not come nigh thee . . . ' When I went on deck, I saw men thumbing worn pages of their little Bibles. Toughened old seadogs, veterans of many battles and many a crap game, were unashamedly praying."

There are hundreds of recorded stories like these, and thousands of similar experiences that you'll never read about. But there's proof enough that when men face death in battle, the Bible is at their side.

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November 22

WHY WE NEED THE BIBLE NOW

Statement by the American Bible Society

Above all the measures of war-time and postwar planning—in industry, business, education, religion—the supreme need on the part of us all is for clearer moral insight, more unyielding devotion to truth, a more steadfast and farseeing spirit of brotherhood, a new determination to be more worthy of the great sacrifices that are being made in our behalf. No one source of inspiration is better able to provide for our need than the Bible.

Through long generations and among countless people of many nations the Bible has done this for those

who gave heed to its guidance. It has influenced the deep springs of our national life. We may well expect that if fresh attention be given to it now by the American people, there will flow into our national life purifying and tonic streams of moral purpose and faith that will count tremendously in the remaining months of the war and the perilous years that follow.

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November 23

THE BIBLE AND DURABLE PEACE

By Cordell Hull, Secretary of State

The attainment of durable peace is still a matter of desire and hope rather than a reality. One thing is clear. Our problems and our difficulties, our sense of bafflement and confusion, do not spring from any material causes nor from an inability to visualize our potentialities and our possibilities. The roots of our tragic shortcoming lie in the realm of the spirit.

Time and again we find ourselves defeated in efforts to improve conditions within and among nations solely because of the spirit which animates human relationships. Our most earnest endeavors often flounder and founder because we fail to find reliable guideposts in the basic sphere of relations of man to man.

Yet such guideposts exist—plainly to be seen by those who wish to see them, easy to follow by those who realize their surpassing worth. They are embodied in a book, the Book of the Ages, the Holy Bible. That Book is, indeed, as Lincoln once said, "The best gift which God has ever given to man." It is the revelation of God's will as to the relationship of man to God. It is the most complete and satisfying compendium of moral and ethical principles. Its precepts have withstood attack and criticism, derision and doubt. They have emerged triumphant from the test of centuries as the most constructive basis of human relationships.

What we need today, above everything else, is a universal and firm conviction that only if the thought and action of every one of us are guided by the spirit of the Bible can humanity win through to our ardently desired goal of happy and contented life for all; that if that spirit is cast aside or warped, disaster alone is in store for us. There should be engraved in the mind of each of us the words of the parable with which the Master con-

cluded the Sermon on the Mount:

"Every one therefore that heareth these words of mine, and doeth them, shall be likened unto a wise man who built his house upon the rock: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house; and it fell not; for it was founded upon the rock."

Humanity desperately needs today a moral and spiritual rebirth, a revitalization of religion. There is no sure way to this supreme goal save through adherence to the teaching of the Bible.

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PSALM 103

A Selection

Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies;

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.

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November 24

ST. JOHN'S GOSPEL, CHAPTER 14

A Selection

Jesus is speaking to His disciples on the evening before His crucifixion.

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life.

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November 25

PSALM 23

The Shepherd Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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November 26

PSALM 1

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

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November 27

ST. MATTHEW'S GOSPEL, CHAPTER 5

A Selection—The Beatitudes

(from Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount")

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are perse-
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cuted for righteousness' sake: for their's is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

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November 28

ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS, CHAPTER 8

A Selection

What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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November 29

1 CORINTHIANS 13

From a letter of St. Paul

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

Doth not behave itself unseemly,

seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

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November 30

PSALM 91

A Selection

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day:

Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

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December 1

ST. MATTHEW'S GOSPEL, CHAPTER 6

A Selection: Jesus is speaking

After this manner therefore pray

ye:

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

For if we forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: but if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses . . .

Eternal Security Without Obedience Scripturally Refuted

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practice favoritism. Such doctrine encourages sin in a believer. The devil preached the same thing to Eve when he said, "Ye shall not surely die," which is equivalent to saying, "You can have eternal life from God in you and because it is eternal you cannot lose it."

It is high time for people to awake, go out of the sin business, and prepare to meet God. Dear reader, remember this, regardless of whoever you are, "BE NOT DECEIVED, GOD IS NOT MOCKED: for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap, for he that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption," Gal. 6:7-8.

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Newburyport, Mass.

On November 4 we had a prayer conference and fellowship meeting which proved to be a great blessing. The church here is on the upward trend and a great interest is prevailing at the present time.—Harry Henderson, pastor.

Wooster, Mass.

We have just taken over the pastorate of the Church of God at Wooster. At the present time the saints seem refreshed and blessed. Help us pray that God will give us a harvest of lost souls in this great city.—Edward and Alma Kustel.

New Britain, Conn.

Well, praise the Lord, we are shouting the victory in New Britain, Conn. We are very few in number but God is in our midst; souls are being saved, filled with the Holy Ghost. Do pray for us, that God will continue to smile on our work.—Irene Leedy, Izella Grove.

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**THANKSGIVING FOR SOUL
BENEFITS**

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my soul!

Not only is our life redeemed from destruction, but God transforms us from the kingdom of Satan to the kingdom of His dear Son. Our souls were once compelled to serve the devil. We once were citizens of the underworld. The blackness of sin and the darkness of the kingdom pervaded our hearts and we wandered in gross darkness, and in sin, blind, groping along, fear in our hearts, stumbling blindly towards eternity and hell, lost, undone, and miserable. We were rescued from such awful condition and brought out of darkness into the marvelous light of His Son, into a kingdom of light. We became citizens of the heavenly country and our service to God is loyally and willingly given. We worship and adore the King of kings an d sing "He's my King, I love Him evermore; He's my King to worship and adore." Thanks be to God for placing us in such a glorious kingdom.

Our thanksgiving for soul benefits rendered includes also the fact that we are made joint-heirs with Christ. The possessions of Christ become also our possessions. God has become our Father; Christ, our Elder Brother, and we share with Christ the things that will enhance heaven. We shall share His glory. We shall share the mansions, the exceeding riches of glory shall also become our possession. We are glorified with Him. Soul, you are called upon to thank God for all these blessings rendered. Our hearts are open; our mouths and lips are instruments through which you can express THANKSGIVING to our God.

The last benefit that I wish to call to your attention, that should be included, is that all ETERNITY AND GLORY will be spent in the presence of the ONE who loved us and redeemed us from sin and who brought us into glorious contact with the saving power that was manifested by His death on the cross. Eternity in His presence! GLORY that will be revealed and FELT throughout the ceaseless ages! The encircling arms of the everlasting Father to embrace us, and the wondrous fellowship of all the saints, mingled with praises ascribed to our God, will be glory beyond compare. I am at a loss to write more. Words cannot express proper

thankfulness. I feel like saying to the blessed Holy Ghost, "Speak the words of THANKSGIVING that my soul is filled with, for it requires a language beyond human expression." Amen.

THE DEVIL'S SOUL MARKET

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ity to face an angry God.

The possessions were theirs until they promised them to God. They could have used the money to their own satisfaction, but after dedicating it to God the devil took advantage and bought them out with only a part of the amount. This small amount of money was the price of their lives and their souls. They never enjoyed that which the devil gave them in exchange for their souls. In their deal with Satan they lost all the price of the possession that was sold, and all other earthly inheritance, and, in addition, their life. But the most serious loss was their soul. The devil can buy you out with your own, and at the same time make you think you are getting a bargain. The adversary of your soul is wise and deceitful. He knows how to destroy life and character. He has bought millions of souls for less than the thirty pieces of silver that he paid Judas for his life and soul. There are people today selling themselves for less than that. Many a young man has sold his life for an old worn-out pistol. Many a father has sold the respect of his family and died in disgrace for a quart of whiskey. Many a fair young girl has sold her character and soul for an automobile ride, and thousands, yea millions, have sold out to Satan for pride and worldly pleasures. May God help each of us to never bargain with that deceiver.

Healed and Saved

LAURENS, S. C.—I am happy to report the wonderful way God has blessed in Laurens. I was in bed and the doctors had given me up, but God healed me and saved my soul, sanctified me, and filled me with the Holy Ghost. I also had a stiff leg that I had not been able to bend for several years. I can bend it now. I held a series of meetings in Laurens and God was wonderful. Eleven were saved, two sanctified, and three reclaimed. I am doing evangelistic work. Anyone wishing to have me run a revival for them, write me.—Evangelist Harry Guy, R. F. D. 1, Laurens, S. C.

OBITUARIES

WRIGHT

Sister Carrie B. Wright, a member of the Fort Worth, Tex., Church of God, passed away to be with Jesus September 25, 1944.

Pray for her husband who was left with seven small children.—Her daughter, Margaret Neese, 9th St., Prattville, Ala.

WILKINSON

In memory of Sister Lodna Wilkin-son, a dearly beloved and faithful member of the Church of God for a number of years, who departed this life June 25, 1944; age seventy-nine years.—W. C. Howard, pastor, Pitts-burg, Kans.

THOMPSON

Brother Daniel Clinton Thompson, a member of the Church of God at Lewiston, Idaho, was born August 1, 1863, at Franklinville, N. Y., and went home to be with Jesus August 30, 1944.—Ray T. Hill, overseer of Idaho.

NICELY

Little Barbara Lynn Nicely, daugh-ter of Brother and Sister Harold Nicely, went to be with the Lord on October 1, 1944.—Sister Amelia Shu-maker, 3159 W. Monroe St., Chicago 12, Ill.

GOODMAN

On June 4, 1944, God called home to rest my wife's mother, Mrs. C. O. Goodman, of Tampa, Fla., age sev-enty-one years. Sister Goodman had been a true and faithful church mem-ber for many, many years, she having been one of the charter members of the Sulphur Springs, Fla., Church of God, now one of Florida's largest churches.—A devoted son-in-law, E. L. Newton, Holcomb, Miss.

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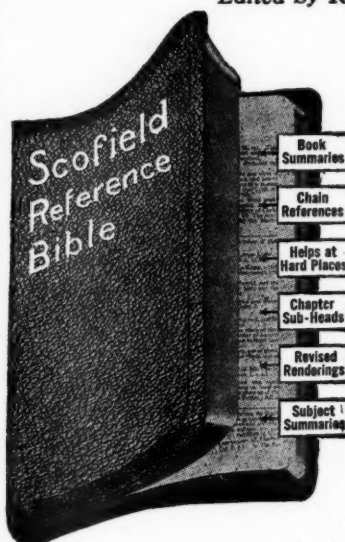
Sister Pearl Nelson Ash, a dear sis-ter in the Church of God at Bridge-port, Ill., and wife of Forest S. Ash, departed this life on September 25, 1944, age fifty-two years, seven months and five days. She was a faithful member of the Church of God for seventeen years.—Rev. O. N. Cecil, pastor, Sumner, Ill.

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